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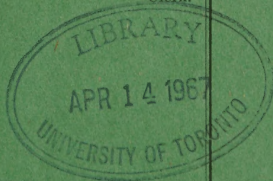
COUNTY OF NORFOLK, ONT.

T. W. WALSH, Esq.,

Warden.

JAMES ERMATINGER, Esq.,

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## MINUTES OF JANUARY SESSION.

Tuesday, the 25th day of January, 1881, first day of the first session of the thirty-second County Council.

The Clerk of the Council called the members to order to examine their credentials to enable them to sit in the County Council to represent their several Municipalities, which were called in alphabetical order, calling the members names as they occurred, in the following order, viz.:

MUNICIPALITIES.	NAMES of MEMBERS.	OFFICE.	CERTIFIED BY
Charlotteville	Daniel A. McCall	Reeve	John Machon
do	William Cowan	Dep. Reeve	do
do	Joseph Dunkin	do	do
Houghton	Charles Dickinson	Reeve	George Bundy
Middleton	John Ostrander	do	John C. H. Heron
do	Roger Crysler	Dep. Reeve	do
Port Dover (village of)	Thomas L. Gillies	Reeve	Thos. M. England
Simcoe (town of)	Thomas W. Walsh	do	W. W. Livingstone
do	Thomas Coates Sr.	Dep. Reeve	do
Townsend	Henry J. Barber	Reeve	Lyman N. Collver
do	John D. Smith	Dep. Reeve	do
do	Isaac G. Wyckoff	do	do
Walsingham	James Hutchinson	Reeve	John Phelan
do	David W. Boughner	Dep. Reeve	do
do	Nathan Mansell	do	do
Waterford (village of)	Nelson Green	Reeve	Lyman N. Collver
Windham	Charles Robertson	Reeve	Robert Green
do	Robert Watson	Dep. Reeve	do
do	James D. Clement	do	do
Woodhouse	John Stickney	Reeve	Thos. M. England
do	William Porritt	Dep. Reeve	do



The Clerk having found the credentials of the several members correct, the next thing in order was to elect their Warden.

No. 1. On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Barber,

Ordered,

That Thomas W. Walsh, Esq., Reeve of Simcoe, be, and he is hereby elected, Warden for this County, for the current year.

Which was carried unanimously.

No. 2. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Green,

Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn for half an hour to allow the Warden time to make his declaration of office.

The Council adjourned for the time stated in the resolution and met at the end of the half hour, all being present. The Warden before assuming the Chair, addressed the Council, thanking them for the honor conferred upon him for a second time, in a few well chosen remarks.

The Clerk read the Warden's declaration of office.

The minutes of the two last days of the December session were read and approved.

The Warden read several communications and reports accruing during the recess from December.

No. 3. On motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Barber,

Ordered,

That the standing committees of this council for the current year be as follows, viz:

### **ON FINANCE.**

Messrs. The Warden, McCall, Dickinson, Ostrander, Gillies, Barber, Hutchinson, Green, Robertson and Stickney.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO AUDIT ACCOUNTS.**

Messrs. Barber, McCall, Smith, Crysler and Green.

### **ON EDUCATION.**

Messrs. Smith, Crysler, Gillies, Green and Clement.

### **ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.**

Messrs. Wyckoff, Clement, Coates, Cowan, Porritt, Mansell and Dunkin.

### **ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.**

Messrs. Mansell, Watson, Dunkin and Dickinson.

### **ON POOR HOUSE AND INDUSTRIAL FARM.**

Messrs. Walsh, Porritt, Mansell, Wyckoff, Boughner, Stickney, Robertson, Watson and Hutchinson.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE POOR HOUSE.

With power to hear, examine and rectify, all complaints brought before them.  
—Messrs. T. W. Walsh, Cowan, Robertson, Stickney and Wyckoff.

No. 4. On motion of Mr. Crysler, seconded by Mr. Dickinson.

Ordered,

That Messrs. The Warden, Barber and Ostrander be a Committee to enquire into the state of the bonds of the Sub. Treasurer's of School moneys for the minor Municipalities given to this corporation, as well as the bond given by the County Treasurer, and report to this Council.

No. 5. On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered,

That Wm. Sharpe and Lawrence Skey Esqs., be appointed County Auditors for the Current year, the former being the nominee of the Warden.

No. 6. On motion of Mr. Gillies, seconded by Mr. Stickney,

Ordered,

That the communication of A. M. Ross Esq., of Goderich, be referred to a Committee of the Whole, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 7. On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Clement,

Ordered,

That Messrs. The Warden, L. H. Hunt, and the County Judge, be and they are hereby appointed Auditors of accounts for the General Sessions of the Peace for the current year.

No. 8. On motion of Mr. Cowan, seconded by Mr. McCall,

Ordered,

That the Communication and petition from the County of Welland be referred to the Committee of the Whole, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 9. On motion of Mr. Crysler, seconded by Mr. Ostrander,

Ordered,

That the Treasurer's report be referred to the Committee on Finance, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 10. On motion of Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered,

That the report of the Inspector of the Poor House be referred to a Committee of the Whole, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 11. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Wyckoff,

Ordered,

That the application of Lient. Col. Otter be filed for future reference.

No. 12. On motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Barber,

Ordered,

That the report of the County Surveyor be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, with power to report.

No. 13. On motion of Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Crysler,

Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet again to-morrow.

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,

County Clerk, County of Norfolk.

Wednesday, 26th of January, 1881, second day of the first regular session of the thirty-second County Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. The Warden, McCall, Cowan, Dunkin, Dickinson, Ostrander, Cryslar, Gillies, Coates, Barber, Smith, Wyckoff, Hutchinson, Boughner, Mansell, Green, Robertson, Watson, Clement, Stickney and Porritt.

The Minutes were read and confirmed.

The Warden read a communication from the County Clerk of the Counties of Northumberland and Durham, which was laid on the table.

No. 1. On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Clement,

Ordered,

That the report of the Committee of the Whole of the 17th of December last, on the application of the County Clerk for an increase of salary, be referred to the Committee on Finance, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 2. On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Dunkin,

Ordered,

That Messrs. The Warden, Wyckoff, Cowan, Stickney and Porritt are hereby appointed a Committee to advertise for the County printing for the current year and to enter into contract with parties tendering for the same, either by a lump sum or otherwise, as they may deem advisable.

No. 3. On motion of Mr. Gillies, seconded by Mr. Coates,

Ordered,

That the following gentlemen are hereby appointed High School Trustees, viz: Simcoe High School—Dr. John Wilson.

Pt. Rowan do —S. P. Mabey, Wm. Ross and H. A. Mabey, Esqs., the latter appointed in place of John E. Stearns, (deceased).

Pt. Dover High School—Lawrence Skey, Esq.

Mr. Dickinson brought up the report of the Committee on Finance, on the Treasurer's report.

No. 4. On motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Cryslar,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows viz:

"Your Committee to whom the above reference was made beg to express their gratification at the favorable showing of the County Finances.

As compared with the report of last January (1880) we find twice the cash in hand and a corresponding small amount outstanding; as a result, cash, by way of interest on balances in the Treasurer's hands, is flowing into the County Treasury.

We recommend that the report be filed."

CHAS. DICKENSON, Chairman,  
NELSON GREEN,

T. L. GILLIES,

JOHN OSTRANDER,

D. A. McCALL,

JOHN STICKNEY,

H. J. BARBER,

JAMES HUTCHINSON,

CHAS. ROBERTSON,

T. W. WALSH.

Committee Room, 26th Jan. 1881.



The Warden as Chairman read the report of the Committee appointed to Superintend the Poor House and Industrial Farm.

No. 5. On motion of Mr. Mansell, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson,

Ordered,

That the report on the Committee on the Poor House etc., be received and adopted

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:

"The Committee appointed to Superintend the Poor House and Industrial Farm, beg to report that they have personally visited the said Poor House to day; and found everything clean and in order and no complaints were made by the inmates. The Matron complains of insufficient help, that one hired girl is not sufficient to do the work; Your Committee felt that the services of the inmates of the House should be so utilized as not to require further hired assistance: The Matron also requested, that a mangle should be provided for the use of the Poor House; this last request your Committee consider to be entitled to the consideration of the Council.

T. W. WALSH, Chairman,  
CHAS. ROBERTSON,  
I. G. WYCKOFF,  
ROBERT WATSON,  
NATHAN MANSELL,  
JAMES HUTCHINSON,  
D. W. BOUGHNER,  
JOHN STICKNEY,  
WM. PORRITT,

Committee Room, 26th Jan. 1881.

Mr. Wyckoff brought up the report of the Committee on Public Buildings, on the County Surveyor's report.

No. 6. On motion of Mr. Clement, seconded by Mr. Coates,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:

"Your Committee to whom the above report was referred, beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the office alluded to in County Surveyor's report, and would recommend that no action be taken in the matter at present."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. G. WYCKOFF, Chairman,  
JAMES D. CLEMENT,  
THOS. COATES,  
WM. COWAN,  
NATHAN MANSELL,  
WM. PORRITT,  
JOSEPH DUNKIN,

Committee Room, 26th Jan. 1881.

No. 7. On motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Gillies,

Ordered,

That the communication from the County Clerk of Northumberland and Durham, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

No. 8. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Smith,  
 Ordered,  
 That this Council do now go into a Committee of the whole upon the various  
 references referred to it.  
 The Council went into Committee at 4 o'clock p.m., Mr. Barber in the Chair;  
 arose at 6 o'clock p.m.

No. 9. On motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Smith,  
 Ordered,  
 That this Council do now adjourn until 11 o'clock a.m., to-morrow.  
 And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,  
 County Clerk, County of Norfolk.

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Thursday, 27th of January, 1881, third day of the first  
 regular session of the thirty-second County Council.

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The Council met pursuant to adjournment.  
 The Warden in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names viz:  
 Messrs. The Warden, McCall, Cowan, Dunkin, Dickinson, Ostrander, Cryslar,  
 Gillies, Coates, Barber, Smith, Wyckoff, Hutchinson, Boughner, Mansell, Green,  
 Robertson, Watson, Clement, Stickney and Porritt.

The Minutes of previous day were read and approved.

The Warden read a petition and other papers, which were laid on the table.

No. 1. On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Cowan,  
 Ordered,

That the communication from J. H. Ansley, Esq., be referred to the Committee  
 on Education, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 2. On motion of Mr. Gillies, seconded by Mr. Green,  
 Ordered,

That the petition of Wm. H. Palmerston be referred to the Committee on the  
 Whole, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Dickinson brought up the report of the Committee on Finance, on the com-  
 munication of the County Clerk of Northumberland and Durham.

No. 3. On motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Dickinson,  
 Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows viz:

"Your Committee to whom the above reference was made, would recommend:



That the communication be filed in the Clerk's office for future reference.

CHAS. DICKENSON, Chairman,  
T. W. WALSH,  
D. A. McCALL,  
NELSON GREEN,  
T. L. GILLIES,  
JOHN STICKNEY,  
H. J. BARBER,  
JAMES HUTCHINSON,  
CHAS. ROBERTSON,

Committee Room, 27th Jan. 1881.

Mr. Barber brought up the report of the Committee of the Whole on the petition and communication from the County of Welland.

No. 4. On motion of Mr. Stickney, seconded by Mr. Porritt,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows viz:

"The Committee of the Whole after carefully examining the communication of the Clerk of the County of Welland, asking the corporation of this Council in petitioning the Legislature of the Province of Ontario to amend Sub-sections Nos. 4 & 6, of Section 466, respecting the sale of produce, would recommend that no further action be taken in the matter."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. BARBER, Chairman,

Committee Room, 27th 1881.

Mr. Barber brought up the report of the Committee of the whole on the report of the Inspector of the Poor House.

No. 5. On motion of Mr. Boughner, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows viz:

"The Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred the report of the Inspector of the Poor House and Industrial Farm, have carefully considered the suggestion therein contained and would recommend:

1st. That a team and implements suitable for working the said farm be purchased.

2nd. That Messrs. I. G. Wyckoff and Wm. Cowan be a Committee with power to make the necessary purchases.

3rd. That the Deputy Reeves of the several minor Municipalities be authorized to send persons to the Poor House, if application is made to them, that the person is a fit object to be an inmate.

All of which is respectfully submitted."

H. J. BARBER, Chairman

Committee Room, 27th Jan. 1881.

Mr. Barber brought up the report of Special Committee appointed to examine the sureties and bonds of the officers of the County.

No. 6. On motion of Mr. Wyckoff, seconded by Mr. Smith,

Ordered,

That the report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:

"Your Special Committee appointed to examine the various bonds above referred to, beg leave to report: That the said bonds are all properly executed, having to good and sufficient sureties.

All of which is respectfully submitted."

H. J. BARBER, Chairman,  
T. W. WALSH,  
JOHN OSTRANDER,

Committee Room, 27th Jan. 1881.

No. 7. On motion of Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Crysler,  
Ordered,

That the communication from L. H. Hunt, Esq., be referred to the Committee on the Poor House, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Barber brought up a report from the Committee of the Whole on the communication of Mr. A. M. Ross.

No. 8. On motion of Mr. Boughner, seconded by Mr. Wyckoff,  
Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz.:

"The Committee of the Whole having carefully considered the proposition of A. M. Ross, Esq., respecting the reduction of the number of Jurors, and the expense of drafting and selecting the same,

Would recommend that the Warden do sign and forward to the Legislature of the Province of Ontario, through the local members of this County, a petition asking them to consider the propriety of reducing the number of Grand and Pettit Jurors, and doing away with the county selectors thereof."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. BARBER, Chairman.

Committee Room, 27th Jan., 1881.

No. 9. On motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Barber,  
Ordered,

That the Warden be authorized to grant additional aid to — Evans, county ward, to the amount of \$1 per week, until the 1st day of May, 1881.

No. 10. Mr. Porritt gives notice that he will on to-morrow introduce a bill praying the Legislature of the Province of Ontario to make certain alterations in the License Act.

No. 11. On motion of Mr. Crysler, seconded by Mr. Ostrander,  
Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet again to-morrow, at 9.30 o'clock, a.m.  
And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,

County Clerk, County of Norfolk.

Friday, 28th day of January, 1881, fourth day of the first session of the thirty-second County Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names viz: Messrs. The Warden, McCall, Cowan, Dunkin, Dickinson, Ostrander, Crysler, Gillies, Coates, Barber, Smith, Wyckoff, Hutchinson, Boughner, Mansell, Green, Robertson, Watson, Clement, Stickney and Porritt.

No. 1. On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Dunkin,

Ordered,

That the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

No. 2. On motion of Mr. Stickney, seconded by Mr. Porritt,

Ordered,

That this Council do now go into a Committee of the Whole upon the references made to it.

The Council went into a Committee of the whole at 10 o'clock a.m., Mr. Watson in the Chair; rose at 10.30 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Smith brought up the report of the Committee on Education on the communication of J. H. Ansley Esq.

No. 3. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Wyckoff,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:

"Your Committee to whom the above reference was made, would recommend that the resignation of J. H. Ansley Esq. be accepted and that His Honor Judge McMahon be in his stead, as a member of the Board of Education of the Simcoe High School."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN D. SMITH, Chairman,  
JAMES D. CLEMENT,  
RODGER CRYSLER,  
NELSON GREEN,  
T. L. GILLIES,

Committee Room, 28th Jan. 1881.

Mr. Crysler brought up the report of the Special Committee on accounts.

No. 4. On motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Ostrander,

Ordered,

That the report of the Special Committee on accounts be received and adopted, and the Warden be authorized to draw his cheques for the several amounts, and for the book to be ordered by the Clerk.

The report read and adopted is as follows:

"Your Special Committee on accounts beg leave to report, That the offer of Dr. Hayes to furnish Medicine for the inmates of the Poor House for the sum of Fifty dollars per annum be accepted, also the Auditors report be received and adopted, and the several accounts therein mentioned be paid, excepting that of Mr. Riddell for printing minutes of December session, from which a reduction of ninety-eight



cents be made, the same being considered an overcharge according to contract.

We would also recommend that the Clerk be authorized to procure a new book for the use of the Auditors of five hundred pages properly bound, the one in use now, having almost fallen to pieces.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RODGER CRYSLER, Chairman,  
D. A. McCALL,  
NELSON GREEN,  
JOHN D. SMITH,  
H. J. BARBER,

Committee Room, 28th Jan. 1881.

No. 5. On motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Gillies,

Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet again at 1.30 o'clock p. m.

The Council adjourned accordingly, and met at the hour named in resolution

No. 5. The roll was called all the members being present.

Mr. Mansell brought up the report of the Committee of the Poor House, on the resignation of L. H. Hunt, Esq.

No. 6. On motion of Mr. Mansell, seconded by Mr. Boughner,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:

"Your Committee to whom was referred the communication of L. H. Hunt, Esq., as Inspector of the Poor House, beg to report, That for the reasons set forth in the said communication, the resignation of Mr. Hunt be accepted, to take effect at the June Session; and that the Special Visiting Committee be empowered to employ an efficient Master and Matron, or to make such changes in the management of the Poor House as will (in their opinion) be in the interest of the County."

T. W. WALSH, Chairman,  
JOHN STICKNEY,  
NATHAN MANSELL  
CHAS. ROBERTSON,  
WM. PORRITT,  
I. G. WYCKOFF,  
D. W. BOUGHNER,

Committee Room, 28th Jan. 1881.

Mr. Watson brought up the report of the Committee of the Whole on the petition of Wm Palmerton.

No. 7. On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Clement,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted, and the Warden be authorized to draw his cheques for the payment of the same quarterly, and that the corporate seal be attached to this resolution to give it the force and effect of a By-Law.

BY-LAW NO. 225.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,  
County Clerk,  
County of Norfolk.

L.S.

T. W. WALSH,  
Warden.

The Yeas and Nays were called on this resolution.

Yeas.—Messrs. Watson, Robertson, Clement, Dickinson, Coates, Dunkin,

Cowan, McCall, Crysler, Ostrander, Barber, Smith, Green, Gillies, Boughner, Hutchinson and Mansell.—17.

Nays—Messrs. Wyckoff, Porritt and Stickney.—3.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:

“Your Committee to whom the above was referred, beg leave to report, that a gratuity of fifty dollars per annum be granted to Wm. Palmerton the Turnkey, commencing from the 1st Jan. 1881, payable quarterly during his incumbency.

Your Committee would further recommend, that a gratuity of fifty dollars per annum be granted to James Ermatinger, County Clerk, commencing 1st Jan. 1881, payable quarterly during his incumbency.”

All of which is respectively submitted.

ROBERT WATSON, Chairman.

Committee Room, 28th Jan. 1881.

No. 8. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Green,

Ordered,

That the Detailed Statement of the County Treasurer as audited be accepted and adopted, and that the Clerk be authorized to procure 200 printed copies in pamphlet form for distribution.

No. 9. On motion of Mr. Porritt, seconded by Mr. Coates,

Ordered,

That in the opinion of this Council the present License Law of Ontario, is both expensive and unsatisfactory, and that if the licensing of houses for the sale of spiritous and fermented liquors, was placed back in the hands of the Minor Municipalities, it would be a public benefit, and with this in view the Warden be authorized to sign the accompanying memorial to the Government of the Province of Ontario.

Debates arose thereon a division being called the motion was lost by a majority of 2.

Yeas—Messrs. Watson, Robertson, Coates, Crysler, Ostrander, Porritt, and Hutchinson—7.

Nays—Messrs. Clement, Dickinson, McCall, Wyckoff, Barber, Smith, Green, Gillies and Stickney—9.

No. 10. On motion of Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Watson,

Ordered,

That this Council in accepting the resignation of L. H. Hunt Esq., overseer of the Poor House, would beg to convey to that gentlemen the thanks of this Council, for the lengthened and zealous service in the performance of his efficient duties.

No. 11. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Stickney,

Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday the 14th day of June, next,

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,

County Clerk, County of Norfolk.







